

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2013

Present: Dr. Victor Mercurio, Mrs. Maryanne Crawford, Mr. David Green, Dr. Deidre Gifford, and Ms. Carolyn Mark

Policy #2190 Extracurricular Fundraising and Commercial Activities was discussed in depth. Dr. Mercurio discussed concerns raised by building principals and PTG presidents regarding gifts for classroom teachers/classrooms. Policy language from a surrounding district will be inserted that references gifts. Dr. Gifford asked Dr. Mercurio to seek additional input from building principals regarding limits, etc. Several changes were made removing "superintendent" approval and adding "principal" approval. Language will be added the noting "administration will develop and maintain procedures for approvals" regarding capital purchases or programmatic/curricular changes. Additional bullets will be added that discuss grants. Language will be inserted on #7 which notes whether the advertisement of an event is profit or non-profit. This policy will be presented for a second read/adoption at the May 21, 2013 School Committee meeting.

Policy #6115 Volunteer Agreement will be reviewed with Attorney Oliverio. The appeals process needs to be reviewed to clarify whether an appeals process can be held in executive session.

Policy #5420 Criminal Background Check also needs clarification regarding BCI checks and whether fingerprinting needs to take place.

Policy #1210-Statement of Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action was reviewed. There are several items that need clarification from Attorney Oliverio including categories of protected individuals and the specific language. There were also questions surrounding affirmative action. Any changes to the district statement need to be inserted on district letterhead, website, etc.

Policy #4220 Mental Health was revised from the previous draft. Revisions were made to the "Education and Outreach" section and the "Systems Support" section. This policy needs additional revisions and will be reviewed again before a first read. The various group acronyms need to be spelled out (FACES, etc.). The Committee asked Dr. Mercurio to gather input from guidance counselors and school psychologists.

The next Policy Committee meeting is June 14, 2013.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55p.m.

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SECRETARY